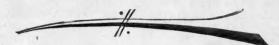


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Views of Sligo

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Introduction. . . .

HE Primary object of the publication is that of a Commercial Speculation, undertaken in the hope that it will prove remunerative, yet the publisher is largely influenced in making the effort by the expectation that the gradual distribution of the book will in some degree, however small, help to spread amongst the travelling public a more fitting knowledge of the claims of Sligo as a tourist resort, and of the great natural beauties and attractions that the county possesses.

In presenting this Book of Illustrations he desires to say, that while claiming for his work, that it excels in merit and excellence, any previous efforts in a similar direction, he is thoroughly conscious that no photographic work, however excellent, could convey any but a most imperfect idea of the splendid natural beauty of the district under treatment, or of the many, many attractions that it offers to the lover of nature, the student of antiquity, or the tourist in search of an agreeable holiday.

Sligo Town is of itself, not without many and varied objects of interest; its Public Buildings, and places of Religious Worship amply testify to the excellent public spirit that animates its inhabitants. The Roman Catholic Cathedral, Bishop's Palace and College are a group of buildings hardly equalled in many pretentious cities. The ancient Parish Church of St. John, nearly two centuries old, is a Gothic building of very great interest, with a handsome interior, and well-proportioned chancel. Calry Parish Church, erected in the early part of the present century is a handsome and substantial structure, fitted throughout in solid oak, and now showing the darkening hand of time. The Congregational Chapel, Stephen Street, is also a handsome building. Ancient Abbey of Sligo is from an antiquarian point of view the great attraction of Sligo, and being more than fairly well preserved (although shamefully, badly cared by the Board of Public Works), still possesses many interesting relics of the ages long past, its East Window, High Altar, and Lancet Choir Windows, are very fine, as are many carved corbels in its interior. The Cloisters are altogether complete and exhibit the usual variety of design, the "Apprentice Pillar" being here as elsewhere. The remains of an open-air stone Pulpit, appears in the wall of the North Cloister. For those to whom the relics of Pre-Christian or Pre-historic time, are interesting, the Cromlech and Stone Circles of the Carramore district (Sligo 3 miles) present a wide field, and no one should omit visiting the wonderful Megalithic remains in the Deer Park on the Haselwood Estate (Sligo 4 miles), this latter is only rivalled in the United Kingdom by Stonehenge, in Wiltshire, it is well preserved and the original design and formation clearly traceable. The ancient Cross, Monolith, and Round Tower of Drumcliffe, all splendidly preserved, and the former of which is one of the most perfect in all Ireland, should also be visited.

The great strong point in Sligo scenery is of course Lough Gill, and the River Garvogue on which the Town is built; the Lake exhibits a variety of most lovely views, and no matter from which point approached, the observer is struck with the beautiful admixture of wood, water and mountain. Lough Gill is a great resort for anglers and tourists, who find excellent and unsurpassed hotel accommodation in Sligo. Similarly Glencar Lake (Sligo 6 miles) Waterfalls and Mountains offer the attractions of rugged grandeur to the sight-seer. The salmon and trout fishing here are excellent, licence fee nominal.

Rosse's Point (Sligo 5 miles) on the shores of Sligo Bay, a watering place for which nature has done great things and man nothing, offer the attractions of an excellent 9-hole Golf Links, controlled by the County Sligo Golf Club, there is fine sea fishing and bathing, with an excellent strand extending for over a mile in length; there is unlimited wild fowl shooting of migratory birds, &c., in winter.

For more specific information as to the locality, the reader is referred to the official guide books of the district.

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